



Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

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\$200,000.00

EPA has selected Florida State College at Jacksonville for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Florida State College at Jacksonville plans to train 60 students and place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 273 hours of instruction in: 40-hour HAZWOPER; OSHA courses in laboratory standards, disaster site worker, oil spills supervisor, construction safety, general industry, confined space entry, and bloodborne pathogens; environmental justice awareness; EPA 24-hour hazardous material technician; medical waste collection and hazards; environmental sampling and analysis; environmental math and chemical safety; Florida storm water, erosion, sedimentation control inspector; FEMA National Incident Management System; first aid, CPR, and AED; mold and asbestos worker; EPA lead renovator; and IPM/pest worker standards and worker safety. Participants who complete the training program can earn a total of 21 state or federal certifications. Florida State College at Jacksonville is targeting unemployed and underemployed residents in Jacksonville's urban core. Key partners include: CareerSource Northeast Florida; City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods Department, Housing and Community Development Division; Goodwill Industries of North Florida; Terracon; Environmental and Labor Solutions LLC; EAP People Staffing; and Groundwork Jacksonville.

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For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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